

To find their floating fry, with their sharp piercing sight,
 Which suddenly they take by stooping from their height.
 The Cormorant³⁰ then comes (by his devouring kind),
 Which flying o'er the fen, immediately doth find
 The Fleet best stor'd of fish, when from his wings at full,
 As though he shot himself into the thicken'd skull³¹,
 He under water goes, and so the shoal pursues,
 Which into creeks do fly, when quickly he doth choose
 The fin that likes him best, and rising, flying feeds.
 The Ospray³² oft here seen, though seldom here it breeds,
 Which over them the fish no sooner do espy,
 But (betwixt him and them by an antipathy)
 Turning their bellies up, as though their death they saw,
 They at his pleasure lie, to stuff his glutt'nous maw."

³⁰ *Phalacrocorax carbo.*

³¹ Skull, or scool, a shoal; so, in Cornwall, a scool of pilchards, &c.

³² *Pandion haliaëtus.*

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR JULY 1844.

Chiswick.—July 1. Slight haze: cloudy: thunder, with rain from 6 till 8 P.M.
 2. Rain: cloudy. 3. Cloudy. 4. Slight rain: cloudy. 5, 6. Fine. 7. Hazy
 and mild: overcast. 8. Hazy: very fine. 9—11. Very fine. 12. Very fine:
 showery. 13. Rain: heavy rain at night. 14, 15. Clear and fine. 16. Over-
 cast. 17. Fine: dusky clouds: hazy. 18. Very fine: cloudy. 19. Overcast:
 thunder quarter to 1 P.M.: thunder-showers in afternoon. 20, 21. Clear and fine.
 22. Cloudless and very hot. 23, 24. Sultry. 25. Very hot. 26. Cloudy: clear.
 27. Hot and dry. 28. Very fine: cloudy. 29. Hot and very dry: exceedingly
 clear at night. 30. Overcast: rain. 31. Cloudy and fine: clear.—Mean tem-
 perature of the month 1° above the average.

Boston.—July 1. Fine: rain A.M. 2. Cloudy. 3. Fine. 4. Fine: rain P.M.
 5. Rain. 6—8. Cloudy. 9—11. Fine. 12. Fine: rain A.M. 13. Fine: rain
 A.M. and P.M. 14. Stormy. 15. Fine: rain A.M., with thunder. 16. Fine:
 rain P.M. 17. Fine. 18. Fine: rain P.M., with thunder and lightning. 19. Fine:
 rain P.M. 20, 21. Fine. 22. Fine: thermometer 81° 2 o'clock P.M. 23. Fine:
 thermometer 80° 3 o'clock P.M., in the sun 112°. 24. Cloudy: rain A.M. 25.
 Fine: rain P.M. 26, 27. Cloudy. 28. Fine. 29. Fine: rain early A.M.: rain
 P.M. 30. Cloudy: rain P.M. 31. Cloudy: rain, with thunder and lightning A.M.

Sandwich Manse, Orkney.—July 1. Cloudy. 2—6. Drizzle: showers. 7—9.
 Cloudy. 10. Cloudy: showers. 11. Showers: cloudy. 12. Damp: cloudy.
 13. Bright: cloudy. 14. Cloudy. 15. Cloudy: clear. 16. Bright: clear. 17. Clear.
 18. Clear: showers. 19. Cloudy: showers: drizzle. 20. Cloudy. 21. Cloudy:
 showers. 22. Cloudy: fine. 23. Clear: fine. 24. Bright: cloudy. 25. Clear:
 fine. 26. Clear: fog. 27. Clear: fine. 28. Bright: showers: fog. 29. Drizzle.
 30. Cloudy. 31. Rain.

Applegarth Manse, Dumfries-shire.—July 1. Fine: a few drops of rain. 2—4.
 Fine: sultry. 5. Fine, but cloudy. 6. Slight shower. 7. Fine and fair. 8.
 Fine: a few drops of rain. 9. Fine, but cloudy. 10. Showers. 11. One shower.
 12. A few drops of rain. 13. Heavy rain. 14. Showers: thunder. 15—17.
 Showers. 18. Showers: thunder. 19. Slight shower: thunder. 20. Fair.
 21. Wet all day. 22. Fine. 23. One heavy shower: thunder. 24—26. Rain:
 heavy P.M. 27. Beautiful day. 28. Showers. 29. Fair. 30, 31. Rain.